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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. <u>04906.P012</u>
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO).
1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
a. [] Previously submitted
i. [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37. C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
iii. [] Other
b. [X] Enclosed
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iii. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. [] Other
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ii. [] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. [] Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action iv. [] Other
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